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SUBJECT: VIETNAM: GVN Submits revised WTO Services Offer

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1. This is an action request. See paragraph 3.

2. The Ambassador received a letter dated April 15 and CD-Rom from Vice Minister of Trade Luong Van Tu transmitting the GVN's revised WTO services offer and three additional documents related to Vietnam's bilateral market access negotiations with the United States. The letter requested another round of WTO bilateral negotiations with the United States in Washington, D.C. May 9-12 (replacing the request for negotiations at the end of April reported reftel). Embassy emailed the documents contained on the CD-Rom to EAP/BCLTV via encrypted email. Text of the letter follows in paragraph 2.

2. Unofficial translation of the text of the letter:

Begin text:

Ministry of Trade
31 Trang Tien Street
Ha Noi, Vietnam

Hanoi, 15 April 2005

H.E. Mr. Michael W. Marine
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States
7 Lang Ha, Hanoi
Vietnam

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Following our bilateral meeting in March 2005 in Washington, I would like to send you enclosed herewith our revised services offer to the United States and request your kind transmittal to your responsible authority.

Following a view to promoting our bilateral negotiation, we have provided a number of new flexibilities in sectors and sub-sectors of significant interest to the United States such as telecommunications, financial services, oil and gas services etc. This clearly shows our goodwill toward the United States in our bilateral negotiation. We do hope that the United States can take these movements into account and reflect the essential flexibilities in our negotiation.

In that light, we would like to suggest that the next round of bilateral negotiations be held in Washington from 9-12 May 2005 and seek your assistance in working with your capital to confirm the above-suggested dates.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your consistent support and assistance and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Luong Van Tu
Vice Minister

Chief Negotiator

14. Action request. Post requests guidance on how to respond to the GVN's request for WTO bilateral negotiations May 9-12 in Washington.

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